

**Island County Board of Health
Regular Session - Monday, March 18, 2013
Minutes**

Members Present: Commissioners Kelly Emerson and Helen Price Johnson; Anne Tarrant, Whidbey General Hospital Commissioner; Captain Edward Simmer, MC, USN, Ex-Officio Member; and, Roger S. Case, MD, Executive Secretary to the Board.

Members Absent: Commissioner Jill Johnson; Scott Dudley, Mayor of Oak Harbor.

Call to Order: Chair Kelly Emerson called this Regular Session of the Island County Board of Health to order at 1:15 p.m.

Additions or Changes to the Agenda: The Chair asked to include an additional item of business to consider a letter on behalf of the Board to the State Legislators regarding a request for changes to Tricare provisions.

Approval of Minutes: The Chair called for the approval of the minutes of the February 19, 2013 Special Meeting. There were no changes or corrections to the minutes. Commissioner Price Johnson moved to approve the minutes as written, Member Anne Tarrant seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

Public Input or Comments: The Chair invited members of the public who wished to provide input or make comments to indicate their wish to do so. Garrett Newkirk, North Whidbey resident, told the Board that the noise levels generated by NAS Whidbey planes have reached an intolerable level at his home and he is unable to go outside due to the fuel smell. He asked that the Board consider providing sound proofing, compensate residents within the fly zone, or ask the Navy to move to LeMay.

Presentation: The presentation on the mental health system in Island County by Linda Gipson, Whidbey General Hospital, is postponed to the April Board of Health meeting.

Presentation – IC Board of Health Expansion: David Macys, Community Health Advisory Board (CHAB) Member, asked the Board to reference the March 18, 2013 'Proposal to Expand the Island County Board of Health (BOH)' which they received in advance of the meeting. Commissioner Price Johnson asked if CHAB had discussed the issue of accountability of elected officials with regard to the suggestion of adding two at-large members. Member Anne Tarrant asked what model other Boards of Health are using. David Macys responded that most Boards of Health models are dominated by elected's. SeaKing has a 13 member Board of Health with 11 elected and 2 at-will members. Keith Higman commented that the CHAB had noted and was trying to address the lack of health care sector representation/expertise on the Island County Board.

Community Health Advisory Board (CHAB) Reappointments: Keith Higman advised that CHAB members, Celine Servatius and Trish Rose, were at the conclusion of their current terms and had both agreed to serve another term on the CHAB. Commissioner Price Johnson moved that both Celine Servatius and Trish Rose be reappointed and thanked them for their continued service. Member Anne Tarrant seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Group B Regulations: The Washington State Board of Health has adopted changes to the Group B Rule which will be effective 1/14/2014. Island County can elect to amend Island County Code 8.09 Potable Water Source & Supply or can adopt the new Rule by reference only. Some of the changes include: 1) Source approval upfront; 2) Changes to the arsenic MCL and notification requirements; 3) Larger Group B (10-14 connections) will be required to follow Group A design standards; and, 4) DOH review and approval fee will change without reimbursement to LHJ's to review Group B submittals.

Commissioner Price Johnson advocates to move forward with Option A since 10% of Island County population will be affected by this. Member Anne Tarrant thinks it will be onerous on Island County citizens not to go with Option A. Captain Simmer feels water testing is very important so advocates for Option A. The Board's direction to staff is to move ahead with Option A.

Contracts: Keith Higman presented one contract to the Board for their consideration.

1. Department of Health – 2012-2014 Consolidated Contract
Contract No. C16886, Amendment No. 7
Contract Amount: \$ 1,655,247
Amendment Amount: \$ 166,533

Commissioner Price Johnson moved that the contract be approved as presented. Member Anne Tarrant seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

Agenda Addition: Commissioner Emerson presented a draft letter to state representatives requesting their help securing changes in the Tri-care provisions which would allow for Navy personnel to be covered for out-patient chemical dependency services. Tri-care currently requires inpatient accommodations which is not available on Whidbey Island. Commissioner Price Johnson asked for a revision to a sentence in the second to last paragraph which says: “....these services are no longer provided in house.” She asks that the sentence be changed to say something closer to: “.....these services are very limited and are not available to those covered by Tri-care.” Commissioner Price Johnson also suggested more specificity in the last sentence which currently reads: “...reaching out to the Navy for some flexibility on this matter.” Commissioner Price Johnson moved for the Chair to make the suggested changes and have Jackie Henderson, Human Services Director, review the letter and then sign on behalf of the Board. Member Anne Tarrant seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Legislative Report: Keith Higman told the Board that last week was the cut off for bills moving forward.

Report from the Health Department: Keith Higman reported that the Governor has appointed a new Secretary of Health, John Wiesman, who recently served as the Director of Clark County Public Health. The Healthy Youth Survey data is out and Laura Luginbill and Keith will present that soon to the Board of Health. Keith reminded the Board that CHAB is seeking Linda Lee Martens Health Hero Award nominations.

Announcements: Commissioner Price Johnson noted that April 1st through 7th is 2013 National Public Health Week. The Board agreed that staff should draft a proclamation recognizing public health week in Island County for the Board of County Commissioners to sign at their meeting on April 1st.

Adjourn: There being no further business before the Board, Chair Emerson adjourned the meeting at 2:50 p.m. The next meeting of the Board of Health will be a Regular Session held on Monday, March 18, 2013 at 1:15 p.m. in the Commissioner’s Hearing Room (B102) in the Court House Annex Building.

Submitted: _____
Roger S. Case, MD
Executive Secretary to the Board

Minutes approved this _____ day of _____ 2013
ISLAND COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH

Kelly Emerson, Board Chair